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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2000, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 11, 23, 27, and 33-37 as set forth below.

11. (Twice Amended) A device for controlling a generator including a controlled transistor bridge having a first transistor, comprising:
a second transistor for at least temporarily short-circuiting the controlled transistor bridge, the second transistor including an interrupter connected to the controlled transistor bridge,
wherein the second transistor has a base which receives a control signal, and
wherein the controlled transistor bridge provides a step-up converter function.

23. (Twice Amended) A method for controlling a generator having a controlled transistor bridge including a first transistor, the method comprising the steps of:
at least temporarily short-circuiting the controlled transistor bridge using a second transistor, the second transistor including an interrupter coupled to the controlled transistor bridge;